

BOOKLISTS FOR ADULTS | 2015



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# BIOGRAPHY

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## **BOLAÑO: A BIOGRAPHY IN CONVERSATIONS**

by **Mónica Maristain**

Through interviews with those who knew him best, this first biography of the novelist/poet Roberto Bolaño details his Chilean childhood, Mexican youth, adulthood in Spain, and untimely death.

PQ8098.12.O38 Z74513 2014x

## **BREAKING IN: THE RISE OF SONIA SOTOMAYOR AND THE POLITICS OF JUSTICE**

by **Joan Biskupic**

Biskupic examines the career of the first Latino Supreme Court Justice and how her climb to the top was a result of societal changes and Sotomayor's networking skills.

KF8745.S67 B57 2014

## **A CUP OF WATER UNDER MY BED: A MEMOIR**

by **Daisy Hernández**

Hernández, a bisexual journalist born in the U.S. to Colombian and Cuban parents, shares her multicultural coming-of-age story.

CT275.H5862453 A3 2014

## **THE DOUBLE LIFE OF FIDEL CASTRO: MY 17 YEARS AS PERSONAL BODYGUARD TO EL LÍDER MÁXIMO**

by **Juan Reinaldo Sánchez** with **Axel Gylén**

Sánchez, now a Miami exile, reveals personal and government secrets of the leader he once protected.

F1788.22.C3 S24 2015x

## **FORGIVENESS: A MEMOIR**

by **Chiquis Rivera** with **María García**

The daughter of the late music superstar Jenni Rivera reveals childhood abuse by her father, as well as the difficult relationship she had with her mother.

ML420.R64 A3 2015b

## **THE JOURNEY HOME: MY LIFE IN PINSTripES**

by **Jorge Posada** with **Gary Brozek**

From humble beginnings in Puerto Rico, the legendary Yankees catcher retired in 2011 as a five-time All-Star with five World Series rings.


GV865.P675 A3 2015x


## **MOLINA: THE STORY OF THE FATHER WHO RAISED AN UNLIKELY BASEBALL DYNASTY**

by **Bengie Molina** with **Joan Ryan**

The Major League Baseball player recounts how his father, a poor Puerto Rican factory worker, raised three sons who all became World Series-winning catchers.

GV865.M6 M65 2015

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## **MY HEART IS A DRUNKEN COMPASS: A MEMOIR**

by Domingo Martinez

Martinez, a Mexican American, tells the story of family tragedy, his own mental collapse, substance abuse, and his slow path to recovery.

PN4874.M4827 A3 2014

## **PEDRO**

by Pedro Martínez and Michael Silverman

The legendary baseball player looks back at his childhood in the Dominican Republic, his hardscrabble minor league days, and his Major League career.

GV865.M355 A3 2015x

## **THE PRINCE OF LOS COCUYOS: A MIAMI CHILDHOOD**

by Richard Blanco

Blanco's Cuban immigrant parents are nostalgic for the Cuba they left behind, while he yearns for an idealized America that doesn't exist in reality.

PS3552.L36533 Z46 2014x

## **RISE: A SOLDIER, A DREAM, AND A PROMISE KEPT**

by Daniel Rodriguez with Joe Layden

After fighting in one of the bloodiest battles in Afghanistan, Rodriguez returned to fulfill his dream of playing Division 1 college football.

DS371.43 .R63 2014

## **STRAIGHT WALK: A SUPERMODEL'S JOURNEY TO FINDING HER TRUTH: A MEMOIR**

by Patricia Velasquez

Determined to escape her family's impoverished life in Venezuela, Velasquez became a successful supermodel but was tormented from hiding her true identity as a lesbian.

TT505.V45 A3 2014x

## **UNDOCUMENTED: A DOMINICAN BOY'S ODYSSEY FROM A HOMELESS SHELTER TO THE IVY LEAGUE**

by Dan-el Padilla Peralta

This young New Yorker hid his Dominican roots until Ivy League sponsors and President Bill Clinton helped him eventually change his immigrant status.

E184.D6 P33 2015x

## **THE UNIVERSAL TONE: BRINGING MY STORY TO LIGHT**

by Carlos Santana with Ashley Kahn and Hal Miller

The guitar legend recalls his journey from a difficult childhood in Mexico to his burgeoning career, which culminated in chart-topping success.

ML420.S22 A3 2014x

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# EXPRESSIONS

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## BRAZILIAN FOOD

by Thiago Castanho and Luciana Bianchi

Vivid photographs reveal traditional, delectable Brazilian specialties prepared with distinctive local ingredients and served up by the award-winning chef and restaurateur Castanho and eight of his fellow chefs.

TX716.B6 C38 2014x

## CANTO HONDO/DEEP SONG

by Francisco X. Alarcón

In simple words with multilayered meanings, the gay Chicano poet addresses life, love, struggle, and identity in 106 poems in side-by-side Spanish and English.

PS3551.L22 A58 2015

## THE CUBAN TABLE: A CELEBRATION OF FOOD, FLAVORS, AND HISTORY

by Ana Sofía Peláez and Ellen Silverman

The rich bounty of Cuban cuisine, from cocktails to main dishes to desserts, is expressed in savory recipes, each served with a side of history.

TX716.C8 P45 2014

## FROM MY LAND TO THE PLANET

by Sebastião Salgado with Isabelle Francq

Through some of his most famous reports from around the globe, the Brazilian photojournalist reveals an emotional self-portrait with insights into war and the human condition.

PN4874.S35 A3 2014x

## HAVANA MODERN: 20TH-CENTURY ARCHITECTURE AND INTERIORS

by Michael Connors

This rich and colorful exploration of buildings and private homes in diverse neighborhoods reveals a city abounding in carefully preserved architectural treasures.

NA804.H3 C66 2014x


## HEALTHY LATIN EATING: OUR FAVORITE FAMILY RECIPES REMIXED

by Angie Martinez and Angelo Sosa

Lighter, healthier versions of more than one hundred Latin dishes are presented with modern flair by TV and radio personality Martinez and acclaimed chef Sosa.

TX716.A1 M37 2015x

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**MEXICAN FLAVORS:  
CONTEMPORARY RECIPES  
FROM CAMP SAN MIGUEL** □

by Hugh Carpenter and Teri Sandison

Photographs of the foods and the San Miguel community illustrate this mouth-watering collection of both classic and innovative recipes designed for the American cook.

TX716.M4 C376 2014x

**MEXICO: THE COOKBOOK**

by Margarita Carrillo Arronte

Chef Arronte provides more than six hundred flavorful recipes that comprise a comprehensive collection of authentic cookery from Mexico's many regions, accentuated by colorful photographs and backgrounds.

TX716.M4 C37 2014x

**PASSAGE TO CUBA:  
AN UP-CLOSE LOOK AT  
THE WORLD'S MOST  
COLORFUL CULTURE**

by Cynthia Carris Alonso

Its natural beauty, its cityscapes, its people: photographer Alonso captures the color, vibrancy, and soul of this fascinating island.

F1765.3 .C37 2015x

**SOUL OVER LIGHTNING: POEMS**

by Ray González

In this reflective collection by the award-winning poet, the focus ranges from the natural world of his southwestern origins into the wider world beyond.

PS3557.O476 A6 2014

**THE TIJUANA BOOK OF  
THE DEAD: POEMS** □

by Luis Alberto Urrea

Urrea brings a lyricism and a mingling of hope and despair to the brutal, ugly realities of life for Latinos in the borderlands of Mexico and beyond.

PS3571.R74 A6 2015x

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**HISTORY &  
CONTEMPORARY  
ISSUES**

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**AMERICAN DREAMS:  
RESTORING ECONOMIC  
OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE** □

by Marco Rubio

Senator Rubio of Florida mixes biographical information, statistics, and current policy information with the stories of struggling Americans to outline his political agenda.

HC106.84 .R83 2015



## **BACK CHANNEL TO CUBA: THE HIDDEN HISTORY OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND HAVANA**

by William M. LeoGrande  
and Peter Kornbluh

Using formerly secret documents and interviews, the authors detail numerous bilateral efforts to improve relations between Cuba and the U.S. over the last fifty-five years.

E183.8.C9 L384 2014

## **DEEP DOWN DARK: THE UNTOLD STORIES OF 33 MEN BURIED IN A CHILEAN MINE, AND THE MIRACLE THAT SET THEM FREE**

by Héctor Tobar

The men trapped in the mine and their families give their personal stories, describing how they coped during a seemingly hopeless situation that lasted sixty-nine days.

TN311 .T59 2014x

## **DETAINED AND DEPORTED: STORIES OF IMMIGRANT FAMILIES UNDER FIRE**

by Margaret Regan

Undocumented immigrants near the Mexico border must be vigilant not to attract the attention of police for fear of deportation. These stories illuminate their plight.

JV6483 .R44 2015

## **DREAMERS: AN IMMIGRANT GENERATION'S FIGHT FOR THEIR AMERICAN DREAM**

Eileen Truax

Two million people who came to the U.S. with their undocumented parents live without the security of citizenship, or even the hope of legal employment.

JV6483 .T78 2015x

## **DREAMLAND: THE TRUE TALE OF AMERICA'S OPIATE EPIDEMIC**

by Sam Quinones

Without cartels, enterprising men in Mexico found a way to get heroin to people in America's heartland longing for a cheap substitute for OxyContin.

HV5840.M4 Q56 2015


## **LATINO AMERICA: HOW AMERICA'S MOST DYNAMIC POPULATION IS POISED TO TRANSFORM THE POLITICS OF THE NATION**

by Matt Barreto and Gary M. Segura

Already the predominate group in California, Latino Americans are changing U.S. demographics and political outcomes, and the effect will grow as their population increases.

E184.S75 B367 2014

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## **LATINO STATS: AMERICAN HISPANICS BY THE NUMBERS**

by Idelisse Malavé and Esti Giordani

Politics, jobs, family, health, crime, education, and more are covered in this treasure chest of information that reveals surprising facts and dispels myths about Latinos.

E184.S75 M363 2015

## **LISTEN, YANKEE! WHY CUBA MATTERS**

by Tom Hayden

Activist and former California legislator Hayden covers fifty years of history and explains how improved U.S. relations with Cuba are beneficial to both countries.

E183.8.C9 H39 2015

## **SPARE PARTS: FOUR UNDOCUMENTED TEENAGERS, ONE UGLY ROBOT, AND THE BATTLE FOR THE AMERICAN DREAM**

by Joshua Davis

Four undocumented Arizona high school students surprised everyone and beat MIT students in an underwater robotics contest with a leaky robot named Stinky.

TJ211.26 .D38 2014

## **UPSETTING THE APPLE CART: BLACK-LATINO COALITIONS IN NEW YORK CITY FROM PROTEST TO PUBLIC OFFICE**

by Frederick Douglass Opie

This book explores how black-Latino alliances, formed due to common interests, have improved working and living environments for everyone. It includes recipes from the south and Caribbean.

F128.9.N4 O65 2014

## **WAR AGAINST ALL PUERTO RICANS: REVOLUTION AND TERROR IN AMERICA'S COLONY**

by Nelson A. Denis

In 1950 the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico attempted an insurrection against colonial rule by the U.S., which responded by bombing its own citizens.

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# **FICTION**

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## **17 STONE ANGELS**

by Stuart Archer Cohen

In Buenos Aires, a cop's past comes back to haunt him when he must help solve a crime — a homicide he himself committed.

## THE ADVENTURE OF THE BUSTS OF EVA PERÓN

by Carlos Gamerro

Argentina, 1975: Ernesto Marroné's quest to rescue his boss from guerrillas involves a demand that he install ninety-two busts in their company offices.

## BACKLANDS

by Victoria Shorr

In 1920s and '30s Brazil, the bandit Lampiao and his accomplice Maria Bonita steal from the rich and fight off government oppression. This novel is based on real events.

## BAREFOOT DOGS: STORIES

by Antonio Ruiz-Camacho

When the patriarch of a wealthy Mexican family is kidnapped and murdered, his family is fractured, dispersing across the globe in search of ways to cope.

## BLOOD-DRENCHED BEARD

by Daniel Galera

After his father's suicide, a young man investigates his grandfather's mysterious death in coastal Garopaba, Brazil.

## A CORNER OF THE WORLD

by Mylene Fernández-Pintado

In Havana, a literature professor's quiet life slowly unravels after she is seduced by a young novelist.

## THE DISCREET HERO

by Mario Vargas Llosa

In Peru, two businessmen find themselves the targets of blackmailers, spiteful sons, and other schemers.

## THE DISTANT MARVELS

by Chantel Acevedo

Cuba, 1963: During Hurricane Flora, an elderly widow distracts her fellow evacuees with astonishing and tragic stories from her own life.

## THE DREAM OF MY RETURN


by Horacio Castellanos Moya


An alcoholic journalist receiving hypnotherapy for liver pain in Mexico City begins having vivid dreams of his native El Salvador and becomes increasingly paranoid.

## THE GODS OF TANGO

by Carolina De Robertis

Argentina, 1913: Leda disguises herself as a man in order to support herself as a musician in the sensuous, male-dominated underworld of early tango.

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## HALF-RESURRECTION BLUES

by Daniel José Older

Carlos Delacruz is an “inbetweener” who works for the New York Council of the Dead, preventing the living and the dead from harming each other.

## HIS OWN MAN

By Edgard Telles Ribeiro

Max becomes an informer for the military after the Brazilian coup of 1964, losing his friends and family but gaining much political power.

## IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE SEA

by Tomás González

On a Colombian coast, a young couple's search for an idyllic life turns disastrous as weather, money, and relationship troubles threaten to destroy them.

## THE JAGUAR'S CHILDREN

by John Vaillant

Two undocumented immigrants find themselves trapped when the truck they're hiding in breaks down near Tucson; it was welded shut by coyotes who've abandoned them.

## THE KING AND QUEEN OF COMEZÓN

by Denise Chávez

In a New Mexico border town, between their two annual fiestas, the townspeople struggle to scratch their elusive itches — desires for love, prosperity, and better lives.

## THE LADIES OF MANAGUA

by Eleni N. Gage

Three generations of Nicaraguan women, each with a secret to reveal, reunite to mourn the passing of their family's patriarch.

## LAND OF CAREFUL SHADOWS

by Suzanne Chazin

In close-knit Lake Holly, New York, detective Jimmy Vega needs to watch his back while investigating the murder of a young Hispanic woman.

## LOVERBOYS

by Gilbert Hernandez

In a small South American town, a young man has a passionate affair with the woman who was once his middle school teacher. This is a graphic novel.

## MAKE YOUR HOME AMONG STRANGERS

by Jennine Capó Crucet

A Cuban American college student returns to Miami to find her family in crisis over a boy's fate that involves Cuba and the U.S. government.

## THE MUSICAL BRAIN & OTHER STORIES

by César Aira

Twenty hallucinatory, open-ended short stories ponder the unknown, the bizarre, and everyday reality.

## MY DOCUMENTS

by Alejandro Zambra

Eleven stories set in Chile feature cats, computers, and complicated childhood friendships.

## NIGHT AT THE FIESTAS: STORIES

by Kirstin Valdez Quade

Quade, one of the National Book Foundation's "5 Under 35" authors, has written ten stories set in New Mexico with characters who struggle with family, religion, and love.

## NIGHT OF THE JAGUAR

by Joe Gannon

Nicaragua, 1986: Ajax Montoya, an ex-Sandinista-turned-cop, doesn't know who to trust while investigating a series of murders that appear to be political executions.

## OYE WHAT I'M GONNA TELL YOU: STORIES

by Cecilia Rodríguez Milanes

Interracial relationships, immigration issues, and Cuban identity are all themes in this collection of stories set in Cuba and various parts of the U.S.

## SIGNAL TO NOISE

by Silvia Moreno-Garcia


Mexico City, 1988: Teenage nerd and music lover Meche discovers magical powers in her record collection and uses them to improve her life in high school.

## THE WATER MUSEUM: STORIES

by Luis Alberto Urrea

These thirteen stories from the Mexican American Pulitzer Prize finalist bridge the cultural boundaries between Mexicans, whites, and Native Americans.

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